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SUBJECT: RESOLUTION ON JERUSALEM (AGENDA ITEM 77)

REF: A) NAIROBI 12607; B) NAIROBI 12623

1. REFTTEL A REQUESTED INFORMATION ON POSITIONS US
TOOK ON UNGA AND UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS CITED
IN AFRICAN DR ON JERUSALEM. FOLLOWING NOTES ARE ON
RESOLUTION IN ORDER IN WHICH THEY APPEAR IN DRAFT DR.

A. UNGA RES. 2253 JULY 4, 1967. US ABSTAINED

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99-0-2(US).

B. UNGA RES. 2254 JULY 14, 1967 (CITED BUT NOT SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED IN PREAMBULAR PARA 7 OF DR). US ABSTAINED 99-0-18(US).

C. SC RES. 252 MAY 21, 1968. US ABSTAINED WITH CANADA 13-0-2(US).

D. SC RES 267 JULY 3, 1969. US ABSTAINED ON OPERATIVE PARA 5 BUT JOINED IN UNANIMOUS ADOPTION OF RES AS A WHOLE.

E. SC RES 298 IN 1971. US VOTED FOR 14(US)-0-1(SYRIA).

F. UNGA RES 2949 DEC. 8, 1972. US ABSTAINED 86-7-31(US).

G. UNGA RES. 2799. US ABSTAINED 79-7-36(US).

2. CONVOLUTIONS OF DR DEFY RATIONAL ANALYSIS BUT SALIENT CHARACTERISTICS APPEAR TO BE A) REAFFIRMATION OF 18TH GC SANCTION BUT B) NO ADDITIONAL SANCTION. CUMULATIVE IMPRESSION IS OF MASSIVE CONDEMNATION OF ISRAELI ACTION IN JERUSALEM. IMPACT IN NO WAY LESSENED BY "GESTURE" TOWARD ISRAEL IN PARA 14. DR IN PRESENT FORM NOW INCLUDES NOT ONLY JERUSALEM ISSUE BUT, IN HAPHAZARD FASHION, RANGE OF ISSUES IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AS WELL. M'BOW AND SUPPORTERS OF DR SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT AF TEXT, IN OUR VIEW, CAN NOT BE REDEEMED. RECOGNIZE EXTENSIVE EFFORTS BY M'BOW AND OTHERS TO FURTHER OUR MUTUAL INTEREST (AFRICAN DRAFTERS MAY HAVE DECIDED ON MAKING TONE OF RESOLUTION HARSH TO STAVE OFF ARAB DEMANDS FOR TOUGHER SUBSTANTIVE LANGUAGE INCLUDING ADDITIONAL SANCTIONS). NONETHELESS DEPT FEARS ADOPTION OF THIS DR WILL ELICIT STRONG REACTION FROM INTERESTED US CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC GROUPS, DIMINISHING IMPACT OF POSITIVE UNESCO ACTIONS TO DATE ON ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP AND MASS MEDIA ISSUES.

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3. BELIEVE AT THIS POINT US TACTIC MUST BE TO SEEK AS MANY "NO" VOTES FROM AMONG INFORMATION GROUP AS POSSIBLE AND AS MANY ABSTENTIONS AMONG OTHER DELS AS TIME REMAINING MAKES FEASIBLE. THESE COMMENTS ARE MADE WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF POSSIBLE ARAB AMENDMENTS CITED IN REFTEL B.

4. DDG FOBES SECRETARIAT STAFF SUGGESTIONS (NAIROBI

12485) WOULD IN EFFECT NULLIFY SANCTIONS PORTION
OF 18TH GC ACTION ON JERUSALEM BY AFFIRMING THAT ALL
STATES HAVE EQUAL ACCESS TO UNESCO RESOURCES. DOES
DEL BELIEVE FLOATING OF SUCH RESOLUTION, EITHER BY
SECRETARIAT OR BY FRIENDLY DEL, IS FEASIBLE LINE OF
ACTION TO PROPOSE TO INFORMATION GROUP? FURTHER
COMMENTS ON SUGGESTIONS IN NAIROBI 12485 WILL BE SENT
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